



Maria Martha Benavides Hicks

February 22, 1946 - August 3, 2024

Augusta, GA – Maria Martha Benavides Hicks, 78, entered into rest Saturday, August 3, 2024, surrounded by her loving family.

Mrs. Hicks, daughter of the late Maria Guzman Sandoval and Fedencio Sandoval, was born in Pharr, Texas. She retired from the State of Georgia as a nurse.

She is survived by her children, Miguel A Benavides, Carmen Badua (Dedric), Leticia A Orander, and Maria J Moore (Charles); her grandchildren, Luis D Vazquez (Leigh) Mario J Vazquez (Grace), Jessica M Norris (David), Jonathan R Flores, Alysia M Badua (Tristan), and Matthew P Badua; her great-grandchildren, Victor R Vazquez, Madison G Chalker, David L Norris, and Autumn L Norris; her sisters, Dorothea Horner, Sylvia DeLeon, and Minerva Garcia (deceased).

Maria's lifelong dream was to become a nurse, which she took pride in. She took mission trips to Honduras to help with food, shelter, clothing, and set up clinics to administer medications. She volunteered with the Red Cross to help with disaster relief in many states.

Maria took yearly trips to Florida with her children, grandchildren. As many of her friends and family members will tell you, her family was her biggest accomplishment. She was proud to be from the great state of Texas, loved her tamales, dancing the Texas two-step, and George Strait.

She loved and supported the military, held a special place in her heart for the Veterans, and was very proud that her family came from a lifelong of military

members.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly request donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association in honor of Maria Martha Benavides Hicks.

Chance & Hydrick Funeral Directors, 2502 Richmond Hill RD, Augusta, GA 30906.

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Tribute Wall

MM

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maria moore - August 02, 2025 at 10:47 PM

GS

“ *What a Beautiful outgoing woman. That's what I remember about her. I lived around the corner when I was young. Went to high school with Carmen and worked with Leti. Got to know Maria through the years. All her daughters loved her dearly and she loved them. There is nothing like a mother's love. I know she will be so missed but in time you will see her again. What a day that will be. Until then hold on to what awesome memories you had. I am here for yall if you ever need anything. Love yall and I am so so sorry for your loss.*

Ginny Sapp - October 08, 2024 at 02:40 PM

GW

“ *I met you by chance before your daughters upon my arrival in Georgia. Our limited time allowed me to gain a respect for you not only as a matriarch but also as the backbone of the family. You've raised an exemplary family and can rest easy that we will see us all who are worthy in the kingdom of heaven.*

Glen H Wheelock - August 31, 2024 at 08:42 PM

LO

G.W.--U were a true friend to mom, actually to all her family. She loved u very much, always a family member.

Leticia A Orander - September 03, 2024 at 02:53 AM

LO

“ Mom, you will truly be missed. I thank you for giving all the love, hugs, laughter you gave us throughout the years. You will also be truly missed by your grandchildren, great-grandchildren.



Leticia Orander

Leticia Orander - August 20, 2024 at 12:39 PM

MM

“ I miss you mom, you were the best mom. In my heart always.

Maria Moore - August 14, 2024 at 06:28 PM

MM

Mom it's been a year since you were gone, I miss you. I hate we had not had a service for you as yet. Sorry

maria moore - August 01, 2025 at 07:33 PM